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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

- 15. (Currently amended): A waveguide comprising:
- a first optical channel within the waveguide; and
- a first lithographically-defined marking on a surface of the waveguide indicative of the first optical channel within the waveguide;

wherein the first lithographically-defined marking is operative to assist in insertion of an optical fiber within the first optical channel.

- 16. (Currently amended): The waveguide of claim 15 further comprising:
- a second optical channel within the waveguide; and
- a second lithographically-defined marking on the surface of the waveguide indicative of the second optical channel within the waveguide;

wherein the second lithographically-defined marking is operative to assist in insertion of an optical fiber within the second optical channel.

- 17. (Original): The waveguide of claim 16, wherein the first lithographically defined marking and the second lithographically-defined marking are directly above the first optical channel and the second optical channel, respectively.
- 18. (Original): The waveguide of claim 17, wherein the first lithographically-defined marking and the second lithographically-defined marking are at an edge of the waveguide.
- 19. (Original): The waveguide of claim 18, wherein the waveguide comprises glass.
 - 20. (Original): The waveguide of claim 18, wherein the waveguide comprises

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